

# *CITIZENS' TASK FORCE ON CHARGERS ISSUES*

February 28, 2003

Mr. Charles Walker, Executive Director  
City of San Diego Ethics Commission  
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1530  
San Diego, CA 92101

## **Re: Request for Advisory Opinion**

Dear Mr. Walker:

The Citizens' Task Force on Chargers Issues respectfully requests an advisory opinion from the Ethics Commission on the following questions:

"May the City of San Diego retain or hire any member of the Citizens' Task Force on Chargers Issues to serve as a member of the staff/consultant team negotiating a new or amended agreement between the City of San Diego and the San Diego Chargers regarding stadium renovation or construction of a new stadium after completion of the Task Force term?"

"May the City of San Diego retain or hire any member of the Citizens' Task Force on Chargers Issues to represent the City of San Diego in any litigation between the San Diego Chargers and the City of San Diego related to or arising from the existing stadium agreement between the Chargers and the City after completion of the Task Force work?"

We request your opinion on the two questions raised in light of the following:

1. The Citizens Task Force on Chargers Issues was established in July 2002 to advise the City Council on fiscally responsible, publicly acceptable ways to keep the Chargers in the City.
2. Members of the Task Force participated in discussions about, and voted on, a series of recommendations setting the scope of any future negotiations on possible renovation or replacement of the existing stadium.
3. Members of the Task Force participated in discussions about, and voted on, a series of recommendations regarding future possible litigation between the Chargers and the City.

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4. The full Task Force mission statement, scope of work and recommendations may be found in our Final Report approved February 27, 2003. The Final Report may be obtained from the City Manager by contacting Libby Coalson at 619-533-3454.
5. The City of San Diego may provide you with further information which may assist you in answering these questions.

The Task Force term ends today, February 28, 2003. We respectfully request that you deliver your advisory opinion to the Mayor and City Council, the City Attorney and the City Manager. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David Watson  
**Chair, Citizens' Task Force on  
Chargers Issues**

Nikki Clay  
**Vice-Chair, Citizens' Task Force on  
Chargers Issues**